

### Local Women Eligible To Join Long Beach Chapters of DAR

The National Society of D.A.R. was founded October 11, 1890 under the impressive pledge "Home and Country." The pledge of this patriotic women's organization reads "We, the Daughters of the American Revolution, who find rest under thy folds, do pledge our lives, our hearts and our sacred honor to thee, our country, and the liberty of the American people forever."

At present, there are four existing chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Long Beach drawing members from other cities in the harbor district, but none of these hold their meetings at a time convenient for business and professional women to attend, so a new chapter is now being organized particularly for these women.

Torrance women whose ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War are welcome to contact the new organizing regent, Mrs. Opal Simpson of 1030 Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach. If there is uncertainty concerning eligibility, the group historians will gladly contact the Washington D. C. office to ascertain the facts concerning ancestry of prospective new members.

This new chapter of D.A.R. has tentatively been named the Susan B. Anthony Chapter and has met each month this year on a patriotic holiday for a Sunday luncheon followed by a business meeting. Mrs. Opal Simpson was appointed organizing regent by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and called the first meeting at her home in the St. Regis Apartments in Long Beach. Six members were in the organizing group, and now there are 25 members in the chapter.

Mrs. Mary Wehling, wife of Colonel M. P. Wehling who is on active duty at Ft. MacArthur entertained the group at the new Officers Club on Memorial Day. A visitor at this meeting was Mrs. Ruth Apperson, status of Los Angeles, California State Vice Regent.

Officers of Gaviota Chapter are Mesdames H. P. Dunlop, regent; Rupert McCook, first vice-regent; E. O. Anderson, second vice-regent; J. W. Cobler, chaplain; R. M. Broughter, recording secretary; Charles Carpenter, corresponding secretary; Helen T. Moore, treasurer; John G. Taylor, registrar; and M. G. Miller, historian.

### Torrance Has Own 'Legion of Guardsmen'

State Guardsmen in New Jersey organized the Legion of Guardsmen in 1944 for the purpose of continuing friendships formed during the emergency and of working to aid their state and community after cessation of hostilities. This organization, now national, is made up of veterans of America's military and naval forces and auxiliary components.

The Legion of Guardsmen stresses the fact that this is an ALL-SERVICEMEN'S organization, with its ranks open to all who have worn the service uniform, been honorably discharged and do not belong to any subversive group.

Men from the National Guard, State Guard, Naval Reserve or Militia, Coast Guard Temporary Reserve, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, and members of the armed forces are eligible for membership.

George W. Rawley is in command in Torrance. The other officers are Guy Hight, Mike Barrett, and William Peterson of Torrance; and Joseph Winkler of Wilmington.

### Area Band Gives Recreation, Musical Training for Youth

The Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of providing recreation and musical training for the youth of Torrance and the surrounding area. It is jointly sponsored by parents and the City of Torrance.

The Torrance Area Youth Band was first organized in 1946 by its present conductor, starting with only a few students. The band has grown to a membership of 140 students, ranging in age from nine to 21 years. The organization is divided into three separate groups, the Concert Band, Cadet Band, and the Junior Band. Weekly rehearsals are held for each group in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

W. Bowen, local real estate and insurance man, is president of the local youth band. Other members include Murray Belkin, Lois Heistia, Mrs. Floyd French, George Hodges, Bill LaDuke, and LeRoy McDaniel.

### Employed Women Broaden Interests through BPW

The largest national organization devoted entirely to the interests of employed women, the Business and Professional Women's Club was founded in 1919 as a non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-profit club. Each of the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Hawaii has its own BPW club, all of which are united in the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

The local club was organized in December, 1929, under the sponsorship of the South Bay Club with the Los Angeles National acting as grandmother. Forty signatures were on the charter roster in 1930. One active charter member, Edna Mullin Reed, is included in the present membership of 70.

Honorary charter members, who still attend some club functions, are Lute Fraser and Esther Maxwell. Miss Fraser, who served two years as president, was District research chairman, and a director at large on the California Federation Board, was honored by her club members on Oct. 19 at a dinner meeting which climaxed a National Business Women's Week here. A skit telling the story of the first BPW convention also highlighted the evening.

The Business and Professional Women lend their support to all community drives, give financial assistance to the YWCA, have purchased an incubator for Torrance Memorial Hospital and an audiometer for the elementary schools, and have had representatives on the Election Board, the Welfare Board, Teachers Advisory Committee, Cancer Society, Community Chest and Red Cross.

One of their newest projects is the formation of a Junior Business and Professional Women's Club, to be composed of senior high school girls who plan to enter the business or profession.

### El Nido PTA One of Newest In Torrance

One of the more recently formed PTAs in Torrance Council is that of El Nido School, which was organized in March, 1952, with 21 charter members.

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## Torrance Woman's Club One of Leading South Bay Groups in Social, Service, Civic Work

Torrance Woman's Club, which today has a membership in excess of 125 members and is ranked among the leading women's organizations in the South Bay area in social, philanthropic, and civic affairs, was organized almost 32 years ago by a small group of women residing in West Torrance, then known as Vista Highlands. At first the group, known as Vista Highlands Club, met in homes on Vista Ave. and its first president, Mrs. Charles Stock of Manuel Ave. was elected to the presidency at that meeting.

In response to written requests from women living in the newly incorporated city, the group extended an invitation to interested women of the community to join them, and within a period of a few months they became federated. Meetings were then held successively in Stef. Hall (Cabrillo at Carson St.), Torrance High School Music Room, and Catholic Parish Hall on Cota Ave.

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Organization of a Junior Woman's Club was an early-day project which did not at once meet with success—probably because the city was not quite

ready for it. However, the club again sponsored a Junior club under leadership of Mrs. C. B. Mitchell (1941-43), and this time, with a largely increased population, the project was an immediate success. The Senior women today are justly proud of this accomplishment and the splendid cooperation between the two groups, whose interests are primarily the same.

Probably the most outstanding service effort of the senior organization was the maintenance of the Mother Education Center, a program of teaching young mothers how to care for their babies and young children to maintain a high standard of mental and physical health, excellence. Such women as Mrs. Maud M. Lock, and Mrs. Dewey Quigley were among those who served for years on this community project.

Dr. Maude Wilde of Manhattan Beach, and her staff of specialists, Kelsey, Kelsey, Petersen, Mrs. Maud M. Lock, and Mrs. Dewey Quigley were among those who served for years on this community project. Dr. Wilde's program was underwritten to some extent by Community Chest, and later by Torrance Service Club contributions, the above mentioned women and their committees supplying the necessary assistance.

Under leadership of Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, who presided at her first regular meeting earlier this month, the club continues to cope with the constant demand for philanthropic aid from every agency and organization looking first to such outstanding groups as the Torrance Woman's Club.

Numbered among the club's foremost projects today are the Sister Kenny Fund, Red Cross, Heart Fund, YWCA, YMCA, private philanthropies, sponsorship of students, contributions to the Torrance High School graduation party.

The advancement of all lines of general culture, for civic betterment, and social service. In line with this policy, Mrs. Van Deventer is urging all friends and club co-workers to assist her in accomplishing this year's goal aid to the young people of the community in the form of suitable recreational outlets.

Officers assisting the president are Mesdames F. P. Foley, first vice-president; K. D. Figgins, second vice-president; Hugh Bowman, recording secretary; Miss Frances Dimitri, corresponding secretary; Mesdames H. J. Osborne, federation secretary; H. L. Mitchell, treasurer; W. I. Laughon, auditor; A. F. R. Ewalt, parliamentarian; J. A. Eisenbrandt, reservations; A. E. Palmer, ways and means; and D. J. Thomson, year book.

Past presidents in addition to those already named, include the following in order of their terms: Mesdames Frank Sammons, John Young, J. S. Lancaster, Edna Stone, W. M. Brooks, Sammons, Caroline Collins, W. J. Neelds, O. W. Hudson, A. W. Johnson, M. J. Beale, H. C. Barrington, A. G. Silligo, E. A. Miles, C. B. Mitchell, George Morgan, Chris Jones, Laughon, S. V. Rauss, D. L. Sears, B. T. Whitney, B. W. Roberts, and Ewalt.

### More Speaking Poise Goal of Toastmasters

The National Toastmasters Club presented a charter to the local Toastmasters Club No. 655 four years ago, on April 11, 1949. The group meets each Tuesday evening at the famous restaurant known as "Fish Shanty" on Hwy. 101 in Walters.

The object of the numerous toastmasters clubs is to instruct members in acquiring poise and the ability to speak well before groups of people. The clubs have found that this can only be accomplished through practice, so each member is given countless opportunities to speak on many varied subjects. Parliamentary procedure is observed and instructed.

Sociality, general welfare and good fellowship among the members is also encouraged. The more experienced public speakers in the club aim to help newer members in oral expression of thought and give fair and constructive criticism. There are openings for a few new members who also are interested in learning to appear before audiences and creditably express themselves.

Officers of the local club are M. T. Hamilton, president; W. R. Jensen, vice-president; C. Kyllingstad, secretary; E. E. Sparks, treasurer; G. S. Evans, deputy governor; J. B. Collette, educational chairman; and H. W. Copenhagen, sergeant-at-arms.

### Plan National Televising of 'Y' DAY Show

Y-Day in Hollywood will be televised coast to coast for the first time in the history of this major YMCA event, Stan Roberts, local YMCA Executive Secretary, announced this week.

As of Saturday, there were 159 persons going from this area under the banner of the Torrance YMCA, an increase of 60 over last year. Of this 150, 100 are from Mira Costa High School under the supervision of the H-Y Advisors and the Tri-H-Y Sponsors. Y-Day will be held at 11 a. m. at the Coliseum and the Hollywood Bowl.

Paul Howey, Hollywood Riviera, James Waits and Mrs. S. Briggs, Escondido; George March, Torrance; Blumary; Mrs. K. R. Ruffell, Torrance; High; Mrs. J. W. Barrie. At the present time, emergency equipment, including a short-wave radio station, three mobile radio sets, a complete set of rescue tools, and emergency hospital equipment, are stored for use in the event of a disaster. Also on file are locations of buses, trucks, heavy construction equipment, and the personnel who can operate them.

### City Manager Stevens Heads Civil Defense Program Here

Set up Feb. 1, 1941, under the recommendation of the City Council, the Torrance Civil Defense program is headed by City Manager George Stevens with the assistance of George C. Powell.

The community-wide plan for organization during a disaster includes five main groups, all of which will be directed from the control center, the City Hall, where all communications for aid will be received.

Fire-fighting will be directed by Fire Chief J. J. Benner, with the assistance of Battalion Chiefs Gene Walker and Neil Whitney. Police officers under the direction of Chief J. H. Stroh and reserves, headed by Assistant Chief W. Haslam, will do their bit to prevent panic and resulting violence among the citizenry.

John R. Patrick directs the special services division, which includes engineering problems, supervised by E. Bishop; transportation facilities, M. Chamberlain; rescue work, C. Clemmer; inspection of area, J. Dreeser; keeping up streets and sanitation, R. Perkins. Evacuation and welfare work will be directed by Ralph Jones.

We join in congratulating Torrance and its residents on its great Industrial Progress

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